



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Photo murals have been installed in many of the House and Senate History cases inside the CVC's Exhibition Hall. The images will provide a backdrop for other images and artifacts that highlight the history of the Capitol and the Congress since it first convened in 1789.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 8/20/07 through 8/24/07**

- Wall stone installation is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation is complete at the Crypt level. Scaffolding is being erected at the Rotunda and Gallery levels to allow for ceiling work to proceed.
- Installation of stone countertops in the Food Service Area is ongoing.
- Floor protection covering continues to be removed in corridors and lobby areas adjacent to the Great Hall and the CVC Entrances to allow the floor stone to be cleaned in preparation of the follow-on inspection process.
- Installation of custom bronze doors is complete in the CVC entrance zones and adjacent vestibule areas.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a contractor continues installing display elements in the House and Senate History cases. Photo mural backdrop images have been installed while the interior lighting components have been inspected and approved.
- Millwork installation is nearing completion in the Congressional Auditorium. All of the seats have been installed at the floor and balcony levels. The contractor is now installing protecting covering over all of the seats and carpeting.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces.
- A ceiling contractor has completed the replacement of millwork ceiling panels in both the North and South Orientation Theaters and scaffolding is being removed. Clean-up activities have begun in both theaters to prepare the space for follow-on inspections.
- Millwork is nearly 90 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and cabinetry components within the meeting rooms are now being turned over to electricians who will begin installing audio/visual components.





**Masons install marble countertops to some of the cabinetry components inside the CVC restaurant.**

- A crew has completed the framework to the underside of the three-level spiral staircase in both the House and Senate Stairwell Atria. Installation of drywall on the framework has been completed as well and plaster work is ongoing.
- Carpet installation is complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery. Carpet installation is nearing completion in the meeting rooms adjacent to the House Hearing Room and flanking corridors. Workers continue installing drywall to the ceiling framework in the House Hearing Room. Ceiling plaster work is ongoing.
- Masons have completed laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the seatwall adjacent to the Senate egg and are nearing completion along the House seatwall. The original historical bronze lamp-posts are being installed in the Senate seatwall.
- Crews have begun dismantling and removing a temporary mechanical system on the roof of the Capitol.

## **Next Week – 8/27/07 – 8/31/07**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Floor stone installation may begin at the Gallery level within the East Front.
- The Exhibition Hall exhibit contractor will continue installing interior display case photo image panels and other display components.
- Millwork installation is expected to be completed in the Congressional Auditorium. Seat installation is complete.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system. The commissioning of the CVC's air handling units will continue.
- Installation of wood and bronze doors will continue in several areas throughout the CVC.
- Ceiling drywall installation and plaster work will continue in the House Hearing Room. Carpet installation will near completion in the adjacent meeting rooms and corridors. Crews will continue installing cabling and cabinetry components in the Senate Recording Studio and lower level meeting rooms.
- Plaster work is expected to be completed on the drywall along the spiral staircase in the Senate and House stairwell atria. Painting of plaster in the atria and within the House Hearing Room may begin early in the week.

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